of LPG rakes ex-Mumbai and Urban to North-West.

(d) The crude oil input to Koyali, Mathura and Panipat refineries, which is supplied ex-Kandla-Vadinar, was affected from 9.6.1998 to 12.6.1998. However, there was no production loss at these refineries. Imports of crude at Vadinar (Kandla) and its pumping and supply to the refineries are fully normal now.

(e) Pumping in Kandla-Bhatinda Pipeline started on 22.6.1998 and normal pumping was resumed on 23.6.1998. Road and rail loading also started a few days after the cyclone.

Clearance of LPG waiting list in Kalka

4078. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to clear the pending requests of consumers for LPG connections upto 31st December, 1990;

(b) whether Indian Oil Corporation has still not cleared the waiting list upto 31st December, 1990 belonging to the consumers of Pinjore, Tehsil-Kalka, District-Panchkula;

(c) whether the courts have already directed Indian Oil Corporation to release LPG connections to the petitioners of the concerned area; and

(d) if so, what is the loss to the Indian Oil Corporation if all the pending list upto 31st December, 1990 of the area is cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) The Government had as part of the enrolment plan for 1997-98, directed the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies to clear the entire waiting list for LPG connections prior to 1.1.91.

(b) The waiting list prior to 1.1.91 of approximately 1600, registrants residing at Pinjore has not been cleared by the IOC Distributor at Kalka. The waiting list could not be cleared as the distributor had registered these person outside his area of operation at Pinjore.

(c) According to Indian Oil Corporation, on one occasion the District Consumer Disputes Redressal Forum, Panchkula had directed IOC to release the connection to one of the residents of Pinjore. However the decision of District Consumer Disputes Redressal Forum has been stayed based on an appeal made by IOC in the State Forum.

(d) There will not be any loss to IOC in the event of releasing connections to such wait listed persons. However the clearance of waiting list depends on the LPG enrolment plan 1998-99 yet to be finalised.

Suspension of oil production from Krishna, Godavari basin

4079. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Oil and Natural Gas Corporation has suspended oil and gas production from four wells in Krishna Godavari basin;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to arrange unhindered supply of gas to Nagarjuna Fertilizers and Chemicals and Vijjeswaram Power Plant etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) and (b) The production from few oil and gas wells in Krishna-Godavari basin was affected during June, 1998 due to suspension of unloading of crude/condensate as a result of shutdown at MRL, Pannangudi.

(c) Presently gas supplies are being maintained as per the commitments made to various consumers including Nagarjuna Fertilizers and Chemicals and Vijjeswaram Power Plant.

Numaligarh Refinery Project

4080. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the Numaligarh Refinery Project and the time by which it will be operational;

(b) the financial outlay, loan arrangement and present constraints, if any; and

(c) the reasons for delay in timely completion of the project?